



Traffic Safety Fact Sheet

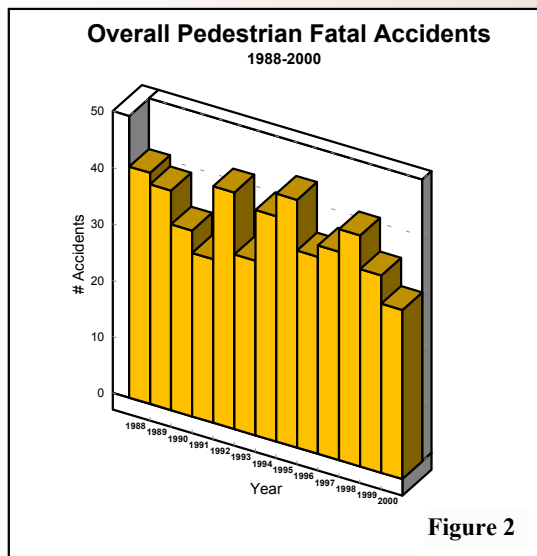
Pedestrian Accidents 2000



Did you know that up to **60,000** auto accidents are reported annually in the state of Utah? The Accident Records Section is responsible for inputting accident data into the Central Accident Record System (C.A.R.S) so that information can be efficiently extracted to be used in traffic analysis, studies and developing solutions to decrease the number of accidents, thus improving the safety of our highways. The Traffic and Safety Division's goal is to educate the public in safety awareness in their everyday activities on Utah highways.

There were 687 pedestrian accidents reported in 2000 as compared to 1,076 pedestrian accidents in 1990. The decrease marks a 36% drop in pedestrian accidents over the past ten years ago. Pedestrian accidents for last five years have also decreased compared to the previous nine years (Figure 1).

There were a total of 30 fatal pedestrian accidents reported for the year 2000 compared to 35 pedestrian fatalities in 1999. The number of fatalities fluctuated during the past ten years (Figure 2).



School age (5-18) fatalities and injuries for 2000 were 301 as compared to 307 in 1999, a decreased of six accidents (Figure 3). School age pedestrian fatalities and injuries experienced a decline of 29% from 1996 to 2000.

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What does this mean? UDOT will continue to use this valuable information in developing traffic safety solutions, educate the public in traffic safety and implement safety features in our future planning, designing and construction of highways.

